

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Beckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Commissioners Martina Williams, Joseph Cosenza III, and Michael Raysin

Members Absent: Vice Mayor Patrick DeGrave

Also Present: City Manager Karen Manila, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, Interim Police Chief, Henry Rains, Human Resources Director John Klein; Public Works Director Robb Dicus; Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, and Gwen Johns, City Clerk.

Total Attendance: 17

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, an Invocation was given by Mark LoGiudice, Life Church, followed by Interim Police Chief Rains who led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order and announced decorum for the meeting. He then requested that Ms. Johns call roll where a quorum was declared present.

3. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) Mayor

Commissioner Raysin nominated Chris Cheshire for Mayor. Commissioner Cosenza seconded the nomination. Mayor Cheshire closed the nominations.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

(b) Vice-Mayor

Commissioner Raysin nominated Patrick DeGrave for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Cosenza seconded the nomination. Mayor Cheshire closed the nominations.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

4 RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY at 6:02 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes (city manager/city clerk)

November 13, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Cosenza and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes from November 13, 2025, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

(b) 2026 City Commission Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Cosenza and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the 2026 Commissioner Meeting Schedule as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

(c) Resolution 2025-085, Awarding a Contract for Concrete Work at Veteran's Memorial Park Pavilion Entrance and five Bleacher Pads to Circle G Construction.

Anita Geraci-Carver, City Attorney, read Resolution 2025-085 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD AND CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CIRCLE G CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO MAKE CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PAVILION ENTRANCE AND BLEACHER PADS AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK; PROVIDING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cosenza and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution 2025-085, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

- (d) Resolution 2025-086, Awarding a Contract to Gregor Lawn Care, LLC, for Improvements at the Gardenia Center.**

Anita Geraci-Carver, City Attorney, read Resolution 2025-086 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD AND CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY GREGOR LAWN CARE, LLC, TO INSTALL SOD, IRRIGATION, LANDSCAPING AND SITE WORK AT THE GARDENIA CENTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cosenza and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution 2025-086, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

- (e) Resolution 2025-087, Approval of Additional Concrete Work at the Recreation Maintenance Barn located at 202 West Berckman Street**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read Resolution 2025-087, by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BAY TO BAY CONSTRUCTION TO ADD CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 WEST BERCKMAN STREET, PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE BARN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cosenza and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution 2025-087, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

- (f) Resolution 2025-088, Awarding a Contract to Pool Control, Inc. for Installation of Tile at the Gardenia Park Pool.**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read Resolution 2025-088, by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY POOL CONTROL, INC., TO INSTALL TILE IN THE SWIMMING POOL LOCATED AT GARDENIA PARK; PROVIDING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Cosenza to approve Resolution 2025-088, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

- (g) Resolution 2025-092, Approval of a Proposal with Paqco, Inc., for CRA Parking Lot Improvements.

Ms. Geraci-Carver read Resolution 2025-092, by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD AND CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM PAQCO, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,441.25 FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL AND LIBRARY PARKING LOTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CRA AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CRA PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND UP TO \$63,186.00 IF NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Cosenza to approve Resolution 2025-092, as presented.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 4-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

8. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

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9. (a) City Manager

Henry Rains, Interim Police Chief, provided an update on the Public Safety Building construction project. City Clerk was asked to coordinate a tour of the building for commissioners.

Ms. Manila explained that a Facility Plan will be necessary to be submitted with the WWTP SRF Application for funding. The plan would also be used for obtaining grant funding.

(c) **City Attorney**

i. **Linda Herald v. City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2025-CA-000116**

Ms. Geraci-Carver suggested that the City Commission consider increasing the City Manager's spending authority to \$100,000, noting it is currently set at \$10,000. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed upon that Ms. Geraci-Carver would prepare information for consideration at the next City Commission meeting.

Mayor Cheshire asked if items need to be presented to the City Commission when they are already in the budget. Ms. Geraci-Carver said yes, because of the spending authority. She suggested that the City Manager be given authority to spend funds as long as the expenditure is budgeted and does not exceed budgeted funds. She suggested \$100,000.

John Gunter, 407 W Mirror Lake Drive, shared his feeling that a \$10,000 spending limit was sufficient for the City Manager. Ms. Geraci-Carver explained the higher spending limit would only be applicable, moving forward, to budgeted items that have previously been approved and documented as part of the budgetary process.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- (a) **Commissioner Williams** – Nothing to report.
- (b) **Commissioner Cosenza** – Nothing to report.
- (c) **Commissioner Raysin** – Thanked Ms. Yoder for a great Christmas party.
- (c) **Vice Mayor DeGrave** – Excused Absence

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cheshire complemented the city staff on a job well done for the holidays.

Important upcoming dates:

Friday, December 12, 2025

Hometown Christmas on the City Hall Lawn
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th
Thursday, December 25th

City Hall Offices Closed for Christmas

Thursday, January 1st

City Hall Offices Closed for New Year's Day

Thursday, January 8th

City Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Gwen Johns, MMC, City Clerk


Chris Cheshire, Mayor